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Sam Wilson Captain America®

BREAKING NEWS
CAPTAIN AMERICA RELEASES TAPE DOCUMENTING RAGE'S BRUTAL ARREST BY AMERICOPS
n law enforcement...OTHER NEWS: Tensions boiling over in areas patrolled by Americops--authorities caution
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SAM WILSON @CAPTAINAMERICASW
After Steve Rogers was drained of his Super-Soldier serum, he passed his shield to me, Sam Wilson, A.K.A. The Falcon. Now that he's back in action, we both fight the good fight as Captain America.
The NY Bulletin @NewYorkBu... 19m
RAGE TRIAL: Footage released by @CAPTAINAMERICASW suggests Rage was preventing a robbery rather than committing one when he was arrested.
Reply from @CAPTAINAMERICASW: It doesn't "suggest" anything. You can SEE Speed Demon leaving the pawn shop after Rage chased him off. Rage was doing the right thing. 19m
Tinfoil Hat Podcast @TinfoilHa... 32m
I WANT to believe @CAPTAINAMERICASW about Rage, but what do we really know about this bird-based spying program that GOT him that footage?
Harry Hauser @RadioAmer... 40m
@CAPTAINAMERICASW's video should be THROWN OUT! Rage is a CRIMINAL and no fake video will change that! #TAKEBACKTHESHIELD!!
The FALCON!!! @JoaquinTo... 54m
The Americops are just a bunch of mercenaries pretending to be police. They're also SUPER RACIST, fam. Rage doesn't deserve any of this!!

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I TRIED TO DO WHAT WAS RIGHT.

I TRIED TO TAKE A STAND.

WHEN THE AMERICOPS SHOWED UP ON OUR STREETS, USING EXCESSIVE FORCE AND HARASSING FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY--

--SOME PEOPLE HAD ONE SOLUTION IN MIND--

--WHILE I WENT ANOTHER WAY.

BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH.

POLICE STATION

AMERICOPS OUT FREE RAGE

NOW A YOUNG HERO IS IN JAIL FOR A CRIME HE DIDN'T COMMIT--

FREE RAGE

--AND I HAD FOOTAGE OF EXACTLY HOW THE AMERICOPS TREATED HIM.

FIX NEWS

FOOTAGE I DECIDED TO SHOW THE WORLD.

STILL.

WASN'T.

ENOUGH.

ELVIN, PLEASE, LET ME HELP YOU--

I TOLD YOU, CAP-- I APPRECIATE IT, BUT WE'RE NOT GONNA GO THAT WAY. NO FANCY LAWYERS, NO AVENGERS MONEY--

SO WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?

WELL, TALK TO MY **ATTORNEY,** FOR STARTERS--

MISTER, UH, HALIDAY--

THAT'S RIGHT.

I'M **DAN LEFFERS.** I'M YOUR **PUBLIC DEFENDER.**

WAIT? YOU TWO HAVE **NEVER MET?** YOUR TRIAL STARTS IN **TWO HOURS!**

RIGHT. AND WE HAVE ABOUT **TEN MINUTES** TO TALK-- I'VE GOTTA SEE ABOUT SIX OTHER GUYS WHILE I'M HERE--MY CASE-LOAD RIGHT NOW IS UNREAL.

THE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, THOUGH, IS I JUST HAD A PLEA DEAL FAXED OVER FROM THE D.A.'S OFFICE--

PLEA?! HE'S **INNOCENT.** HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS CASE? LIKE ON THE NEWS?!

I DON'T WATCH A LOT OF TELEVISION. BUT IF YOUR CASE IS HIGH-PROFILE OR WHATEVER, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BRINGING IN OUTSIDE COUNSEL.

SATISFIED, ELVIN?

I DON'T GET IT--

HE'S TRYING TO PROVE A POINT.

BY GOING TO **PRISON?**

I WANT PEOPLE TO SEE, CAP. I WANT THEM TO SEE HOW THIS SYSTEM **RAILROADS** US.

I WANT THEM TO SEE THE **TRUTH.**

BUT YEAH, THE TRUTH--

EVERYBODY'S GOT THEIR OWN.

HARRY HAUSER HERE--COVERING THE TRIAL OF **RAGE**--THE RADICAL BLACK SO-CALLED ACTIVIST AND VIGILANTE RECENTLY ARRESTED FOR ROBBING A BROOKLYN PAWN SHOP--IN HIS **OWN NEIGHBOR-- HOOD!**

NOW, YOU MIGHT THINK, GIVEN THAT, THAT MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY WOULD BE **BEGGING** THE JUDGE TO THROW THE BOOK AT HIM--

--BUT **NOPE!** INSTEAD OF DEMANDING HE TAKE PERSONAL **RESPONSIBILITY** FOR HIS ACTIONS, THEY'RE OUT THERE PROTESTING, MAKING **EXCUSES** FOR A CRIMINAL--

--AND BLAMING THE **AMERICOPS,** ACCUSING THEM OF BRUTALITY DURING HIS ARREST!

FOLKS, LET'S GET THE FACTS STRAIGHT--

--WHEN THEY POINT OUT HE'S "JUST A TEENAGE BOY"--COME ON! THIS GUY IS **EIGHT FEET TALL** AND AS BIG AS THE **HULK.** HE'S A TRAINED KILLING MACHINE! THAT'S NO TEENAGER I KNOW.

IMAGINE BEING AN AMERICOP AND STARING THAT DOWN!

NOT TO MENTION HIS OWN SORDID HISTORY--FIRED FROM THE AVENGERS... ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW WARRIORS, WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR HUNDREDS OF DEATHS IN STAMFORD...

...AND ASSAULTING THE AMERICOPS THEMSELVES ON **MORE** THAN ONE OCCASION!

PEOPLE, IT'S TIME WE AS A SOCIETY SHOW **ZERO TOLERANCE** FOR THESE LAWLESS SAVAGES! I SAY LOCK HIM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY!

LET'S SEND A MESSAGE TO ALL THESE ANTI-LAW ENFORCEMENT, ANTI-AMERICAN SO-CALLED PROTESTERS!

IN GOD WE TRUST

WHICH LEAVES ME SITTING IN THE BACK OF A COURTROOM--

--WAITING FOR THE TRIAL TO BEGIN.

ALL RISE!

THE HONORABLE DAVID C. RODERICK PRESIDING!

RODERICK'S GOT A REP FOR BEING "TOUGH ON CRIME" THAT HE TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN-- WHICH IF YOU LOOK A LITTLE DEEPER--

--ACTUALLY MEANS HE'S GOT A REP FOR CONVICTING MOST DEFENDANTS THAT COME BEFORE HIM--

IN GOD WE TRUST

--FACTS BE DAMNED.

BE SEATED-- WE'VE GOT A BUSY DOCKET TODAY--

--AND I'M VERY EAGER TO PUT THIS CIRCUS BEHIND US. TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA WHO ARE IN THE GALLERY, I'D REMIND YOU TO TREAT THIS AS A COURT OF LAW AND TO KEEP YOUR CONVERSATIONS TO YOURSELVES--

--AND THAT GOES ***DOUBLE*** FOR ANYONE OUT THERE WHO WEARS ***TIGHTS*** TO THE OFFICE.

WHAT FOLLOWS ISN'T TOO FAR OFF FROM WHAT YOU'D EXPECT TO SEE MOST DAYS--

--A NEARLY ALL-WHITE JURY IN A MAJORITY-MINORITY CITY...

...AND AN OVERLY AGGRESSIVE PROSECUTOR EAGER TO GET HIS NAME IN THE PAPERS.

BENDING THROUGH STEEL-REINFORCED BARS TO GET IN, PRYING OPEN THE BACK SAFE WITH BARE HANDS--ONLY SOMEONE WITH SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH COULD'VE COMMITTED THIS CRIME--

--AND THERE'S ONLY ***ONE PERSON*** THAT WE KNOW WAS IN THE AREA THAT MATCHES THAT DESCRIPTION.

OUR SIDE, ON THE OTHER HAND--

AND, UH, WHILE IT IS TRUE MR. HALIDAY WAS IN THE SHOP, HE WAS ACTUALLY THERE TO--SORRY, ONE SECOND--

--TO APPREHEND THE ***REAL*** CRIMINALS.

--IS A LITTLE OUTMATCHED.

THE PROSECUTION TROTS OUT AMERICOPS--

--AND MORE AMERICOPS--

--FOLLOWED BY FORENSIC EXPERTS FOR THE CITY--

--AND CITY OFFICIALS THEMSELVES.

MEANWHILE, THE DEFENSE HAS TO MAKE DO WITH FRIENDS WHO DON'T EXACTLY TRUST THE SYSTEM--

--FORMER TEACHERS--

--LOVING FAMILY MEMBERS--

--AND PREACHERS LIKE MY BROTHER GIDEON

IN GOD WE TRUST

I TRY TO DO MY PART TOO

YEAH, I'VE KNOWN RAGE FOR SOME TIME NOW. FOUGHT ALONGSIDE HIM MANY TIMES.

NO--HE WASN'T "FIRED" FROM THE AVENGERS. WHEN WE FOUND OUT HOW ***YOUNG*** HE WAS, WE ALL REALLY ADMIRED HIS PASSION AND ENTHUSIASM--BUT WE RECOGNIZED HE'D BENEFIT FROM SOME MORE TRAINING.

NO-- WE NEVER VIEWED HIM AS A ***THREAT.***

MY UNDERSTANDING IS HE LEFT THE NEW WARRIORS WELL BEFORE STAMFORD--AND THEN LATER, HE ENLISTED WITH THE INITIATIVE TO REDEEM THE NAME AND SERVE HIS COUNTRY--

YES, WE'VE HAD DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. YES, WE DO THE JOB DIFFERENTLY.

BUT HE'S A ***HERO.*** HE'S OUT THERE RISKING HIS LIFE FOR HIS NEIGHBORHOOD AND HIS COMMUNITY. HE'S CERTAINLY NO CRIMINAL.

IN GOD WE TRUST

ABSOLUTELY. I'D STAKE MY ***REPUTATION*** ON IT.

RAGE WOULD NEVER DO THIS.

AND NO, THEY DON'T LOOK CONVINCED--

--BUT WE DO HAVE ***ONE*** THING STILL WORKING IN OUR FAVOR.

VIDEO FOOTAGE THAT CORROBORATES RAGE'S STORY. EVIDENCE THAT IS-

INADMISSIBLE?!

ORDER! ORDER! THIS IS YOUR ONLY WARNING, MR. WILSON.

YOU MIGHT BE CAPTAIN AMERICA--OR A CAPTAIN AMERICA--BUT THIS IS MY COURTROOM, AND IN HERE I'M IN CHARGE. SO SIT DOWN.

AS I WAS SAYING--THE PROSECUTION MAKES A VALID ARGUMENT--THE NATURE OF THE TECHNOLOGY MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO VERIFY ITS AUTHENTICITY.

AND EVEN IF IT IS REAL--THIS IS AN UNSANCTIONED CITYWIDE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM THAT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IS SOON TO BE SUBJECT TO A LEGAL CHALLENGE OF ITS OWN.

THEREFORE I HAVE NO INTEREST IN ENDORSING IT IN MY COURTROOM.

BUT--IT'S FOOTAGE THAT SHOWS HE DIDN'T DO IT! HOW CAN YOU JUST ALLOW--

THE DEFENSE WILL HAVE TO FIND OTHER WAYS TO MAKE THAT CASE--AND YOU, MISTER WILSON, HOLD YOUR TONGUE OR YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF IN CONTEMPT--

DON'T BOTHER, YOUR HONOR--I'M WELL PAST THAT STAGE.

I'D BE LYING IF I SAID I WASN'T FEELING A LITTLE DESPERATE RIGHT NOW.

RAGE SAID HE FOUGHT A SPEEDSTER IN THE PAWN SHOP.

JUST GOTTA FIND HIM. THEN--

MEANS CALLING IN SOME FAVORS--

--AND GETTING IN TOUCH WITH SOME UNDESIRABLE CHARACTERS.

EVENTUALLY, I FIND ONE COWARDLY ENOUGH TO SNITCH--

THEN I JUST GOTTA WAIT

HOPE WE FINALLY CATCH A BREAK

UNTIL EVENTUALLY...

THERE HE IS

SPEED DEMON.

PROFESSIONAL LOWLIFE, FORMERLY OF THE SINISTER SIX, OR FIVE--WHATEVER.

TIME FOR US TO HAVE A LITTLE CHAT

WHOA, CAPTAIN AMERICA. I'M ATTRACTING A HIGHER CLASS OF SUPER HERO THESE DAYS--

--STILL GOTTA PICK MY DOG UP FROM DAY CARE, THOUGH.

GUY THINKS HE'S MILES AHEAD OF ME

THAT'S FINE--

--I GOT FRIENDS WAITING.

SULLY!

NOW--

I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT.

DUDE, I DON'T EVEN VOTE--

THE PAWN SHOP. ***YOU'RE*** THE ONE WHO ROBBED IT.

WELL, NOW YOU REALLY NEED TO BE MORE ***SPECIFIC***.

STOP PLAYING GAMES!

OKAY, OKAY--LOOK, YES, ME AND MARKO ***MAYBE*** HEARD ABOUT A PAWN SHOP WITH A BACK SELECTION OF MYSTICAL DOOHICKEYS.

AND WE ***MAYBE*** TRIED TO DOOHICKEY-IZE OURSELVES--

AND RAGE TRIED TO STOP YOU. ***THEN*** TOOK THE FALL FOR YOUR CRIME WITH THE AMERICOPS.

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE WE ***ASKED*** HIM TO!

YOU'RE COMING WITH ME. YOU'RE GONNA TESTIFY, AND YOU'RE GONNA ***CONFESS***.

HA, YOU KIDDING? YOU REALLY THINK THEY'LL ***BELIEVE*** ME? THAT IT'LL MAKE ANY KIND OF DIFFERENCE?

I BEEN THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM ***PLENTY*** OF TIMES, DONE A LOT OF TIME WITH GUYS WHO WERE PRETTY CLEARLY INNOCENT--

--GUESS WHAT THEY ***ALL*** HAD IN COMMON.

NOW JUST GOT TO GET HIM IN THAT COURTROOM--

--AND PUT THIS WHOLE THING TO REST

MISTY! MISTY, OVER HERE.

I GOT HIM--I GOT *SPEED DEMON.*

IT'S TOO LATE, SAM--I'M SORRY.

THEY DIDN'T EVEN DELIBERATE FOR MORE THAN TEN MINUTES--

--THEN THE *VERDICT* CAME IN.

AND AS THE NEWS BREAKS—

THE WORLD STOPS

THE VERDICT ECHOES—

REACHING ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP

RAGE WANTED EVERYONE TO SEE, AND THEY DID

NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE FALLOUT.

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